

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 26 of page 5 as follows:

With specific reference to Fig. 3, the constituent parts of the recognition subsystem are explained starting with the scanner 300. When a voucher or token is printed or otherwise output by the kiosk 116, a bar code or other code is printed upon or otherwise associated with the voucher or token. The bar code represents a code. Various security and/or encryption features can be provided in connection with the bar code and/or voucher or token, e.g. as described in U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/105,508 and/or 09/178,441 both filed October 23, 1998, incorporated herein by reference. When presented for redemption, the code on the voucher or token is read by the scanner 300. Each voucher or token includes the code to identify that voucher or token in the voucher or token database 408 of the kiosk 116. The scanner could be a wand scanner, gun scanner, non-portable scanner, magnetic stripe card reader, magnetic ink scanner, optical character recognition (OCR) device or other type of scanner, as is well known in the scanning arts. Preferably, the scanner is capable of reading bar codes such as the Code 30 format which allows larger amounts of information to be stored in the bar code. The bar code could include information such as the time and date issued, the issuing kiosk and/or the modem number of the issuing kiosk or other computing device or system. Embedding a modem facilitates automated cross-redemption as further explained in relation to Fig. 7 below.